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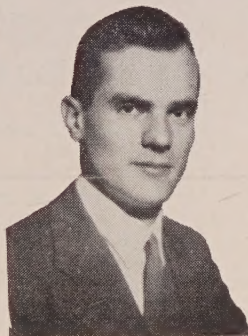
The Executive Committee of the World Council held its semi-annual meeting February 2-5 at Konigstein, near Frankfurt, Germany.

During its sessions the Executive Committee completed the plans for the Second Assembly, to be held in Evanston, Illinois, next August. The Committee announced the Assembly program, and named the presiding officers and principal speakers. It also considered plans for the structure and functioning of the Council in the period following the Assembly.

This was the Executive Committee's last regular meeting before the Assembly.

Dr. G. K. A. Bell, Bishop of Chichester, the Chairman, and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, U.S.A., Lutheran, the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, presided.

Among others attending the executive session in Germany were several churchmen from America including: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, a President of the W.C.C.; Charles P. Taft (Protestant Episcopal); Mrs. Leslie E. Swain (American Baptist); Rev. Robert S. Bilheimer, Executive Secretary for the Assembly; Mr. Charles C. Parlin, Chairman of Press and Broadcasting for the Assembly; the Rev. James W. Kennedy, subchairman for broadcasting. Besides Bishop Oxnam, three other Presidents of the World Council attended: Archbishop Athen-



EXECUTIVE
FOR THE
ASSEMBLY

The Reverend Robert S. Bilheimer is Executive Secretary for the Assembly. He has been entrusted with this great responsibility by the Central Committee, who look to him to see that a thousand plans and details, necessary to a successful meeting, are carried out with accuracy, dispatch, good will and economy. He received his B.D. at Yale Divinity School, worked with the Student Volunteer Movement and Interseminary Movement. He was Administrative Secretary of the Amsterdam Assembly. His ongoing responsibility is as W.C.C. Program Secretary in North America.

agoras, Metropolitan of Thyateira; Bishop Eivind Berggrav (Norway); and Pastor Marc Boegner (France).

For the program as released, see the inside pages of this issue of the *Courier*.

Program

(as of February 5, 1954) for the

SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Arrival and Registration

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Opening Service of
Worship† (First
Methodist Church)
All presidents
participating

Opening Plenary Session
DR. MARC BOEGNER (France)
presiding

Presentation of Main Theme:
"Christ—the Hope of the World"

Speakers:
Bishop Lesslie Newbigin (India)
Prof. Edmund Schlunk (Germany)
Prof. Robert Calhoun (U.S.A.)

Public Worship Service, Soldier Field
Chicago (Capacity 100,000)

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

Plenary Session
BISHOP G. BROMLEY
OXNAM (U.S.A.)
presiding
Constituting Actions for
Assembly
Report of Central
Committee
General Secretary's Report

Plenary Session
BISHOP OXNAM *presiding*
General Discussion
Report of Committee on Structure
and Functioning
Assembly Arrangements

Plenary Session
BISHOP C. K. JACOB (India) *presiding*
Report of Secretariat for Evangelism
Speaker:
Dr. Hans Hoekendijk (Holland)*
Presentation of Section on Evangelism
Speakers:
Mr. D. T. Niles (India)
Canon T. Wedel (U.S.A.)*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Main Theme:
Group Discussion

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Plenary Session
ARCHBISHOP BRILIOTH (Sweden)
presiding
Report of Faith and Order
Speaker:
Canon Oliver Tomkins (England)
Presentation of Section on Unity
Speakers:
Bishop A. Nygren (Sweden)
Prof. V. E. Devadutt (India)*
Prof. George Florovsky (U.S.A.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Plenary Session
DR. FRANKLIN CLARK
FRY (U.S.A.) *presiding*
Discussion and adoption
of Structure and
Functioning Report

Main Theme: Group Discussion

Plenary Session
BISHOP EIVIND BERGGRAV (Norway)
presiding
Presentation of Section on the Res-
sible Society
Speaker:
Dr. C. L. Patijn (Holland)*
Address: Asia and Africa Ask Search-
Questions
Speakers:
Dr. Charles Malik (Lebanon)
Rev. Peter Dagadu (Gold Coast)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

Main Theme:
Group Discussion

Committees on W.C.C. Business

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Concert

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Plenary Session

Committees on
W.C.C. Business

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Confessional meetings as desired

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY *presiding*
Report of C.C.I.A.

Speaker:

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde (U.S.A.)

Presentation of Section on International
Affairs

Speaker:

Dr. Johannes Leimena (Indonesia) *

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

Plenary Session

ARCHBISHOP

Committees on W.C.C. Business

ATHENAGORAS *presiding*

Presentation of Section on Race

Speakers:

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (U.S.A.)

Dr. B. J. Marais*

Section on Vocation

Speaker:

Dr. F. P. Miller (U.S.A.)

Report of Ecumenical Institute

Speaker:

Dr. Hendrik Kraemer (Holland)

Service of Preparation for Communion

Speaker:

Dr. E. A. Payne (Britain)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Plenary Session

Holy Communion

F r e e

DR. BOEGNER *presiding*

Report of Department of Inter-Church
Aid and Services to Refugees

Speakers:

Dr. Robert Mackie (Scotland)

Dr. Elfan Rees (Britain)
et al

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Plenary Session

Sections

W.C.C. Business Committees

ARCHBISHOP ATHENAGORAS *presiding*
Report of Study Department

Speaker:

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen (U.S.A.)

Report of Commission on Life and Work
of Women in the Church

Speaker:

Mlle. Madeleine Barot (France)

Report of Youth Department

Speaker:

Mr. Philip Potter (West Indies)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Plenary Session

Sections

Sections

DR. JOHN MACKAY *presiding*
Report of Joint Secretary in East Asia
and on Relations with International
Missionary Council

Speaker:

Dr. Rajah Manikam (India)



Meeting in Geneva for a recent Administrative Committee session of THE DEPARTMENT OF INTER-CHURCH AID AND SERVICE TO REFUGEES of the World Council of Churches. Left to right (seated): Dr. Rajah Manikam, Adviser for Emergency Inter-Church Aid and Relief in Asia; Dr. John W. Decker and Dr. Norman Goodall, Secretaries of the International Missionary Council (New York and London, respectively); (standing): Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Dr. Robert C. Mackie, Director of the Department; and Dr. Edgar H. S. Chandler, Associate Director.

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Try Hard for Results Churches Ask Big Four

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, Director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, a joint agency of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council, flew to Berlin, Germany, Sunday, January 24, for the opening of the "Big Four" conference, to give "tangible evidence of the deep interest and concern felt by Christians of many lands."

From Berlin, Dr. Nolde sent a letter to each of the four Foreign Ministers. In the letter Dr. Nolde stressed that while church people recognize the tremendous difficulties resulting from the "accumulated frustrations and frictions" of the cold war, they are justified in contending that every effort must be made to seize constructively such opportunities as the consultations may afford."

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MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

Address: "Worldwide Evangelism in this Generation"

Speakers:

Dr. Charles Ranson (I.M.C.)

Dr. Chandu Ray (India)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Sections

Sections

Plenary Session: Main Theme

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY *presiding*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Plenary Session

ARCHBISHOP OF

CANTERBURY *presiding*

Main Theme

Plenary Session

BISHOP OXNAM *presiding*

W.C.C. Business

F r e e

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Plenary Session

BISHOP OF

CHICHESTER *presiding*

Sections

Plenary Session

DR. F. C. FRY *presiding*

W.C.C. Business

Plenary Session

BISHOP OF CHICHESTER *presiding*

Address: "Tensions of the World and Unity in Christ"

Speakers:

Mrs. Rena Karefa-Smart (Nigeria)*

Archbishop Michael (U.S.A.)

Bishop Berggrav (Norway)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Plenary Session

DR. VAN DUSEN *presiding*

Sections

F r e e

Plenary Session

BISHOP OXNAM *presiding*

W.C.C. Business

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Worship

Plenary Session

BISHOP BERGGRAB *presiding*

Address: "The Church's Dependence on God; its Independence from Men"

Speakers:

Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr (U.S.A.)*

Bishop Otto Dibelius (Germany)

Plenary Session

DR. VAN DUSEN *presiding*

Sections

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Plenary Session

DR. BOEGNER *presiding*

Sections

Plenary Session

BISHOP OF CHICHESTER *presiding*

W.C.C. Business

Plenary Session

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY *presiding*

W.C.C. Business

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Plenary Session

BISHOP OXNAM *presiding*

Sections

Closing Worship

† Each morning begins with a worship service.

* Invited — acceptance not yet received.

NOTE: President Eisenhower has been invited to address the Assembly, and has expressed his sincere hope that he will be able to attend.

Sarah Chakko Dies

We have all been saddened by news of the death on January 25 of President Sarah Chakko of Isabella Thoburn College, India. She was stricken with a heart attack while playing in a faculty-senior girls basketball game, and died fifteen minutes later.

Miss Chakko was one of the six-member presidium of the World Council of Churches—one of the highest ecclesiastical honors it is in the power of the churches to bestow, and certainly the highest ever conferred on a woman.

As Principal of Isabella Thoburn College, at Lucknow, she was hostess last year to the annual meeting of the World Council's 90-member Central Committee, including top-ranking ecclesiastical dignitaries from around the world, and to their guest speaker, Prime Minister Nehru.

Sarah Chakko was born in 1905 at North Parur in South India of Christian parents, members of the Orthodox Syrian Church of Malabar (Jacobite Syrian Church.) Her father helped to found the Union College in Alwaye, one of the first indigenous efforts at Christian higher education. She held degrees from Queen Mary's College for Women in Madras, Michigan University and Chicago University.

She has served on the Board of Christian Higher Education and on the National Christian Council of India, and has been vice-president of the World's Y.W.C.A.; a member of the

Board of Governors of the Graduate School of Social Service, which she helped establish in Delhi (the first of its kind in India); chairman of the Academic Council of the United Provinces; and vice-president of the United Provinces Christian Council of India.

In 1948 at the constituting Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland, she was largely instrumental in persuading the constituting assembly to set up the Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Church, and on leave of absence from Isabella Thoburn College, she set up the Commission. She visited the United States again late in 1950.

In August, 1951, she was elected as one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, the only woman thus far so honored.

Each year the United Church Women, of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., call for a World Day of Prayer, asking God's blessing of Peace for all of mankind. The service of worship begins at sunrise in the Tonga Islands, and follows the clock around the world, ending in Alaska. More than 20,000 groups report participating each year. Each year the suggested service is prepared by an outstanding churchwoman. This year, this responsibility had been laid upon Sarah Chakko, and when the women of the world kneel in prayer on March 5, they will be using the service which she wrote.

